

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 1377

District School Boards

SPONSOR(S): Arza

TIED BILLS:

IDEN./SIM. BILLS: SB 2748

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) PreK-12 Committee	_____	Beagle	Mizereck
2) Education Appropriations Committee	_____	_____	_____
3) Education Council	_____	_____	_____
4) _____	_____	_____	_____
5) _____	_____	_____	_____

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Florida law grants local district school boards authority to control K-12 education operations in the district.

House bill 1377 establishes criteria for district school boards' selection of class ring vendors and requires written notice to parents and students.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2006.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

Provides Limited Government-- The bill places certain requirements on district school boards' selection of class ring vendors.

Safeguard Individual Liberty-- The bill requires districts to provide information so that students know they may purchase class rings from vendors not under contract with the school district.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Florida law grants local district school boards authority to control K-12 education operations in the district. Educational curricula, facilities operation and maintenance, student discipline and attendance policies, transportation, reporting and record keeping are among the duties prescribed to district school boards in statute.¹

House bill 1377 establishes criteria that district school boards must follow in selecting vendors to market class rings. The bill requires that the selected vendor may not intimidate students and that students be allowed to purchase class rings from any vendor and participate in class ring ceremonies regardless of their choice of class ring vendor. The bill requires district school boards to provide written notification to students and parents that students may purchase a class ring through any vendor, regardless of the district's contractual arrangements.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2006.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Amends s. 1003.02, F.S.; providing certain requirements pertaining to class ring vendors.

Section 2. Providing an effective date of July 1, 2006.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

This bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on state government revenues.

2. Expenditures:

This bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on state government expenditures.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

This bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on local government revenues.

2. Expenditures:

¹ Section 1003.02, F.S.

This bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on local government expenditures.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

This bill may increase the number of students choosing to buy class rings from vendors not under contract with the district school board.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

The bill does not require a city or county to spend funds or to take any action requiring the expenditure of funds.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE & COMBINED BILL CHANGES